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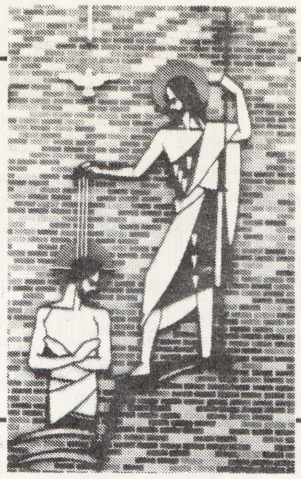


CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, December 18
7:00 p.m. Penance Service, Grades 7 & 8
WEDNESDAY, December 19
4:30 p.m. Elementary Practice for Christmas Program
FRIDAY, December 21
6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling - Teens
SATURDAY, December 22
10:30 a.m. Elementary Practice for Christmas Program
SUNDAY, December 23
2:00 p.m. Elementary Christmas Program
Church Decoration
Potluck Dinner
MONDAY, December 24
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon - Confessions
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Confessions
Midnight Mass followed by Sisters Open House
TUESDAY, December 25
Masses Celebrated at 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

SISTERS' OPEN HOUSE

The Sisters will be having their annual Open House after the Midnight Mass of Christmas. All are invited to join with friends in celebrating the early hours of Christmas Day. We hope to see many of you there.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CHURCH DECORATING POTLUCK DINNER PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 23rd

A Christmas Program will be presented at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 23rd, by grades 1 through 6. The theme will be PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD. Practices will be held on Wednesday, December 19th, at 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 22nd, at 10:30 a.m. Parents will be notified further.

Any children who are not involved in the Religious Education Program at St. John's, but who are in this parish are also invited to participate in the Christmas Program on December 23rd. Please call Sr. Sheila at the Center for details. We are looking forward to this celebration.

The program will be followed by Church decorating and a Potluck Supper. We hope that many parishioners will come and join in the preparations and the celebrations.

Just A Word...

by Fr. Harvey

In this Season of Good News, it seems appropriate to report such news from the homefront. Besides the fact that the Christmas cactus in my office has decided to blossom for the first time this year, my positive feelings have been bolstered by the progress and the plans discussed at last Monday's parish council meeting. The minutes of the meeting are printed in this paper.

The Worship Commission is busily preparing for the Christmas season which is always a delightful experience here at St. John's. The Service Commission has progressed by leaps and bounds these past months, as is evident from the monthly calendar of events. The Education Commission, though seriously lacking in parishioner membership, revealed some exciting plans in regards to adult education slated for the Springtime and for the Lenten Season. The Administration Commission has several significant projects underway. More tangible results of the Commission's work should soon be visible.

The financial picture for the fiscal year thus far, is not only encouraging to the members of the Administration Commission and myself but should be a hopeful sign for all the members of our parish. During the 'State of the Parish Message' which was delivered from the pulpit last September, we were all asked to seriously re-consider our financial response to our parish community, not only in terms of our sacrifice being realistic but in terms of the Gospel, which sometimes cuts even deeper than realism. Many did answer this request. And to all of you who did do so, and to all who remain constant and faithful in your

generosity, our sincerest thanks.

Next Sunday, December 23, will be special. A Christmas program will be presented by our parish elementary students. The program, which is titled "Prepare a Way for the Lord", will take place at 2:00 p.m. Following the presentation, parishioners are invited to assist in preparing and decorating the church for the Christmas celebrations. A potluck supper, to be held in the church hall, will conclude the day's fun. You are invited. Additional details are printed elsewhere.

About 100 registered parishioners subscribe to our Diocesan's weekly newspaper, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY. Additional copies of the paper are also available each week in the church vestibule for those who do not subscribe. In order to renew your yearly subscription or to become a new subscriber, we have enclosed a special envelope in the January mailing of the monthly envelopes to registered parishioners. The cost to the parish for each subscription is $5.00 per year. By subscribing through the parish, each family save $2.80, since individual copies of the paper are 15 cents each week. If you cannot afford the $5.00 cover cost, but would like to subscribe to the paper, please fill out the special envelope and return it in the regular collection or by mail. This weekly paper not only is newsworthy but especially informative in assisting the Catholic of the 1970's to remain updated in the knowledge of his or her faith. Please return the special envelope with offering, if possible, during the month of January if you wish to remain a subscriber or become a new subscriber.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

On Sunday, December 9th, 1973, four children were welcomed into our community through the Sacrament of Baptism during the 12:30 Mass, celebrated by Father Harvey.

MICHELLE RAE DeFRANCESCO, daughter of Michael and Barbara (McEwen) DeFrancesco of 1951 Burns, Ypsilanti. Michelle's godparents are Thomas and Deanna Shires.

KARA FAULKNER, daughter of Patrick J. and Emily (LaPine) Faulkner of 2263 Pittsfield Blvd., Ann Arbor. Kara's godparents are Joseph and Linda Piascik.

MARIAH LYNN HARTSELL, daughter of Hugh G. and Audrey (Geck) Hartsell of 1051 Rambling Rd., Ypsilanti. Mariah's godparents are Thomas and Sheila Augustyniak.

AARON JAMES LIVINGSTON, son of Dennis and Susan (TenBrock) Livingston of 966 N. Prospect, Ypsilanti. Aaron's godparents are Kevin Livingston and Mary TenBrock.

Welcome Michelle, Kara, Mariah and Aaron! Congratulations to the parents.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

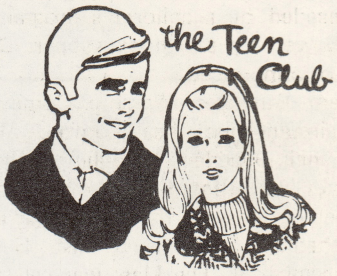
SUNDAY, December 16th
- 9:00 a.m. Pre-School Classes in the Parish Center
- 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Babysitting in Room 5 of Parish Center
- 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. COFFEE AND DONUTS after these Masses

MONDAY, December 17th
- 11:00 and 12:15 Released Time Elementary Classes
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Parish Hall

TUESDAY, December 18th
- 11:30 a.m. Grades 11 and 12 Released Time Classes
- 11:00 and 12:15 Released Time Elementary Classes
- 7:00 p.m. PENANCE SERVICE for Junior High
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy Preparation Committee meets in the Rectory Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, December 19th
- 11:00 and 12:15 Released Time Elementary Classes
- 4:30 - 5:30 Elementary Classes in Parish Center
- 7:00 p.m. Folk Group Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. BINGO in Parish Hall (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY, December 20th
- 11:30 a.m. Grades 9 and 10 Released Time Classes
- 7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir meets in Room 9 of Parish Center



TEEN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AGENDA

December 21st - Convalescent Home and Neighborhood Caroling - Meet on the parking lot at 6:30 p.m. We welcome carolers and drivers.

Party at the convent after caroling; bring $1.00 for pizza. Parents pick teens up there, teens will call.

December 23rd - Food collection at doors of church for Christmas baskets. Please be generous as we have many requests at this time of the year.

REMINDERS

*There WILL BE Religious Education Classes during the week of December 16. Please change this on your parish calendar.

*Interested in learning more about yourself? Join a Transactional Analysis group (I'm OK, You're OK) which is now being formed. The no-cost group is open to all adults and will meet weekly, beginning in January, in one of the Holy Trinity Chapel's (Ypsilanti) meeting rooms. The group leader is a local psychologist who will use Transactional Analysis techniques to aid group members in self-awareness and personal development. For more information, call M. L. Spann, 434-1262, after 7 p.m. Tuesday - Sunday.

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

PARISHIONERS IN THE NEWS

Scoutmaster, Mr. Robert Manion, was recently honored by Ford Motor Company with a plaque for 1973 awarded for outstanding Community Service over and above work done at the Company. This award attents to the appreciation of Ford Motor Co. and employees for his work with Boy Scouts.

Eastern students, Suzanne Riley and Patricia Madigan, were both presented Honor Award Scholarships by the American Legion Post 282 in Ypsilanti. Suzie, a Freshman, is in a pre-law curriculum, and Patty, a Senior, is majoring in home economics, earth science, and education.

Congratulations to all of you from St. John's.

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LONG OVERDUE THANK YOU

A thank you is long overdue to the Walter's family for their help with service commission projects. Many a hour and struggles with stairways have been given by the men of the family to help us move deep freezes and stoves to the best vantage points. We appreciate their concern for the parish and wish to let the parishioners know that they have been many times working silently behind the scenes to prepare us for some of our major projects.

We are most grateful.

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PARISHIONERS MAKE PARTIES A SUCCESS

We are also deeply grateful to the many parishioners who helped with the Senior Citizen Dinner and the Project Transition Christmas Party. The list is too extensive to give each name, but we would like to say thank you and let the parish know that many, many responses helped us provide services for those in our Ypsilanti community who appreciated our endeavors. May your Christmas season be blessed because of your concern for others.

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TOY COLLECTION RIGHT ON TIME

Toys were donated just in time for the many calls we have had for help with a child's Christmas. We had previously determined that we would give them to centers to be distributed; however, we first will fill the many requests we have had in the parish.

You will be happy to know that you made many Christmases happier because you made a toy donation.

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FOOD TO BE COLLECTED DECEMBER 23RD

We are now in the process of trying to provide food baskets for Christmas for many families in need. These families have been referred to us by reputable agencies who are already out of supplies themselves and have to rely on parishes in the city for help. St. John's has always been generous and we hope you will outdo yourself this year. Baskets will be placed at the church entrances on Sunday, December 23rd. We are asking that you leave a donation of food or money so that we can take care of all requests. The donations will be brought up in the Offertory Collection at all the Masses as part of our Christmas concern for those who have less than we have.

ROOM NEEDED?

A parishioner with children needs girl to live in, and help with children. Room and board will be offered in return. Please call Sr. Carol at 483-3360 for more information.

ATTENTION PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

A special course on Christian Marriage with presentations, films, resource persons is being offered through six weeks beginning Tuesday, November 27, and continuing through January 15.

The seniors in this course are from area public high schools. They meet each Tuesday on released time during the school day at St. Thomas High School. It is not too late to request time for religion class.

For more information, call Fr. Fedewa at 761-7656. A brochure is available and will be sent upon request.

POLISH NATIVITY MASS AT ST. URSULA'S

The Annual Christmas Mass (Pasterka) in the Polish language will be held at St. Ursula Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan on Saturday, December 29th, at 5:00 p.m. The Mass will feature the singing of the traditional Polish Carols with Mrs. Danuta Siarkowska, soloist, and Mr. Bronislaw Siarkowski at the organ.

Following the Mass, the traditional 'Oplatek' reception will be held at the Parish Hall. All the people of Polish heritage and their friends in the Ann Arbor, Belleville and Ypsilanti vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

PARISHIONER IN NEED

On Friday evening, December 20th, there will be a benefit dance for Mr. John Adams of our parish. The benefit is being sponsored by friends in order to help with payments brought on by a serious, extensive illness. Tickets and information can be gained from Ms. Natalie Motto. Call 482-3735 or 487-3331.

CONVERT CLASS TO BEGIN

If there are any potential converts who are interested in taking instructions, or if any parishioners know of someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic Church, please call Father Harvey at 483-3360 so that information can be given towards beginning a new class.

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

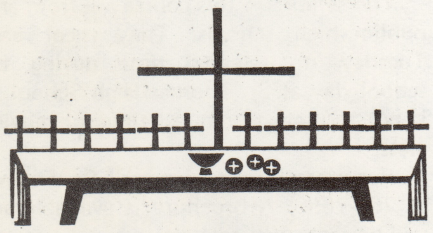
SATURDAY, December 22nd
5:00 p.m. . . . . Pete Parin
SUNDAY, December 23rd
7:00 a.m. . . . . Dave Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . John White
11:00 a.m. . . . . John Baxter
12:30 p.m. . . . . Phil Stokes

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 22nd
5:00 p.m. . . . . Ken Macek
SUNDAY, December 23rd
7:00 a.m. . . . . Mary Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . Chris White
11:00 a.m. . . . . James Palasek
12:30 p.m. . . . . Vera Clyne

LAY DISTRIBUTORS

SATURDAY, December 22nd
5:00 p.m. . . . . E. Look
SUNDAY, December 23rd
9:00 a.m. . . . . R. Wagner
11:00 a.m. . . . . Sr. Anne
12:30 p.m. . . . . J. Baker



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 17th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Mrs. Rose Merkel, req. by Family of Mrs. Grace Hitchingham
2:30 a.m. Frank Panek, req. by Mrs. Frank Panek (Mass at Parkview Nursing Home)
TUESDAY, December 18th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Catherine & Charles Seeger, req. by Marie & Adlaide Seeger
WEDNESDAY, December 19th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Hattie & Paul Husse, req. by The Husse Family
8:30 a.m. George Riley, req. by Catherine Riley
THURSDAY, December 20th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Staff Sgt. Andre Laberge, req. by Mother & Dad
FRIDAY, December 21st - Weekday
7:00 a.m. The Joseph Hutting Family, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
SATURDAY, December 22nd - Weekday
9:00 a.m. No Mass or Communion
5:00 p.m. Raymond L'Amoreaux, 10th Anniv., req. by Mrs. Raymond L'Amoreaux and Family
6:30 p.m. Nuptial Mass, Chafic Nassar & Claire Laberge
SUNDAY, December 23rd
7:00 a.m. Siama Seeger, req. by Max Seeger
9:00 a.m. Henry Zeininger, req. by Mrs. Henry Zeininger
11:00 a.m. Lawrence & Amelia Arend, req. by Helen McCalla
12:30 Int. of Parishioners

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE
Week of 12/16/73

TEAM I
Ronald Bureau & Joe Slater
TEAM II
Chris McCarthy & Matt Chiodini
SATURDAY, December 22nd
5:00 p.m. Rick & Jeff Steeby
SUNDAY, December 23rd
7:00 a.m. Jerry Moses & Greg White
9:00 a.m. Tom Weishaar & Larry Dupuis
11:00 a.m. Mike Presensky & Greg Gilman
12:30 p.m. Rob & Jim Eberts

BABYSITTERS

SUNDAY, December 23rd
9:00 a.m. Mrs. Emily Mentley, Lynne Mentley & Katie Williams
11:00 a.m. Mrs. Irene Lewis, Patty & Peggy Burns

WEDDING BANNS

III Chafic Nassar & Claire Laberge
II John Thomas & Stephanie Caldwell

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

December 8th
Immaculate Conception . . . . . $ 564.00
December 9th
Sunday Offertory 2,047.50
TOTAL $2,611.50

PARISH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 10, 1973

Members excused from meeting - Don Racine, Gary Wawrzaszek.

1. Meeting opened at 8:02 with a prayer by Clem Budinger.
2. Minutes of November meeting were approved.
3. Commission reports

A. ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
Chairman Dave Wheeler

11/28 receipts, Budget $140,000.00, Actual $54,479.16

Dave reported that, at present, there are no outstanding debts in operational budget. Collection are beginning to pick up each week, but expenses will increase with the heating season upon us.

Old Business

1. Meyer-Weinert reportedly stated they are not interested in the vacant property on Hewitt Rd. Flyers are being sent out to all parties who hold possible interest in the property.
2. Dick Delano reported that no progress is being made on the renovation of the organ and asked for and received suggestions.
3. Closed bidding on renovation of the west basement hall. Motion passed that A.H. Payeur of Ann Arbor be contracted. After much discussion it was decided to contract an architect to provide plans for the total renovation of the hall.
4. The bells have been partially repaired. It was moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Miss Barton.

New Business

1. Contacts have been made in regards to the removal of pews in the choir loft and moving the organ in. A decision was made to request help from within the parish after the Masses on Sunday to assist in the transporting of the materials from the choir loft to Needham Hall for storage.
2. A discussion was held concerning the payment of the Catholic Weekly. Fr. Harvey reported that an envelope will be included in the January packet to be used in defraying the cost of subscriptions.

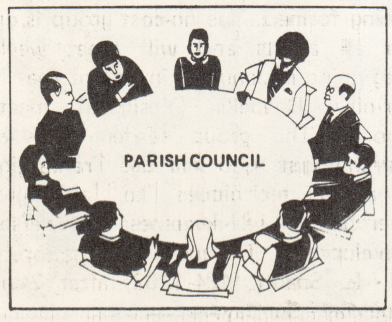
B. EDUCATION - no report

C. SERVICE COMMISSION
Chairman Natalie Motto

1. The Service Commission made a report on funds acquired from Parish dinners and Bingo thus far.
2. The Service Commission made a presentation of the policies determined for the dispensing of the St. Vincent de Paul funds.
3. The Thanksgiving collection totalled $158.87, which is doubled from last year.
4. Material was distributed concerning the Interfaith Council on Churches in order that the members might gain an understanding of the action taken by the Council and that they might be more aware of their needs in figuring the budget in February.

D. WORSHIP COMMISSION
Chairman Clem Budinger

1. Kay Carpenter will call parishioners as listed in the parish files in order to create greater participation in bringing up the gifts during the offertory procession.
2. Plans for Christmas decorations are underway with a parish party scheduled for Sunday, December 23, where time to clean up and decorate will be preceded by a children's program and followed by a potluck supper. Details to be announced.
3. Clem Budinger, Worship Commission chairman and Lee Sanford, Parish Council president and their respective wives represented St. John's at the opening Mass of the Holy Year at the cathedral in Lansing last Sunday, December 9. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Zaleski.
4. Announcements
   The high school debt has been reduced by a payment of $187,661.21. The new balance due is $572,344.00.
5. New Business
   1. Various possibilities in Adult Education were discussed.
6. Old Business
   1. A second discussion was held concerning Lot Control. More suggestions were made.
   2. Sr. Anne declined nomination for Diocesan Ad Hoc committee on Education.
   3. A secretary was secured to record and type up the minutes from the parish council meetings. Ray Carpenter introduced Colleen Murphy to the council, who, at Fr. Harvey's suggestion, agreed to do so on a trial basis.
7. Mr. Robert Gilman, chairman of Scout Committee, was invited to the parish council meeting to discuss the difficulties inherent in the renovation of the basement in re: To the Boy Scouts. Upon his absence, Lee Sanford was advised to send a letter with further explanation concerning the matter.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10.



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Rev. Dominic Philippon in Residence
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Sr. Sheila Powers - Religious Education
Sr. Mary O'Connell - Music Coordinator, Rel. Ed.
St. Carol Denise Koenig - Editor,
Service Commission Coordinator
Sr. Theresa White - Special Education

PHONES

Rectory 483-3360
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Service Commission 483-3360

PARISH COUNCIL

President: Mr. Lee Sanford 483-4283
Administration: Mr. David Wheeler 434-3159
Education: Miss Doreen Binder 483-3932
Service: Miss Natalie Motto 482-3735
Worship: Mr. Clement Budinger 482-6370

LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING: ..... 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY: ..... 7:00 & 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
DAILY: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
...2:30 p.m. Parkview Home Monday
...8:30 a.m. Wednesday & 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS:

12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month. Please make arrangements at the rectory office for Parent/God-Parent classes.

WEDDINGS:

Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday ..... 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or
...anytime by appointment.
Communal Penance ..... as announced.
MARIAN DEVOTIONS ..... Wednesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: ..... New parishioners please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: ..... The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE–SCHOOL: ..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY: ..... Released Time Monday thru Wednesday and Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH: ..... 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH: ..... Released Time
SPECIAL EDUCATION: ..... Arrangements made.
ADULT: ..... As announced

PARISH SERVICES

BABYSITTING: ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: ..... after 9 and 11 Masses
October through May
PARISH DINNERS: ..... First Sundays Oct. thru May
BAKE SALES: ..... After all Masses second Sundays
October thru May
BINGO: ..... Wednesday 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. - Open 6:30

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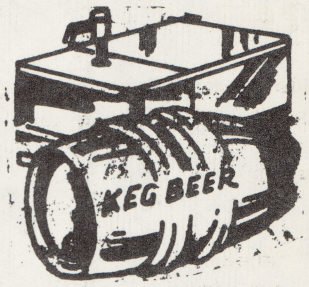

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